

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## Quinns Meadow Fire Demobilized

The Quinns Meadow fire near Colville, Washington, is now 85% contained. Demobilization of state wide fire resources will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the release of structural firefighting equipment. Some firefighters will remain at the scene to extinguish fires within the containment area.

State fire assistance began on August 30, 2006, to support local firefighters working to contain the wildfire burning on Quinns Meadow Road in Stevens County. The fire grew to 327 acres and was burning in thick timber and underbrush. At one point, 45 residences and outbuildings were threatened and one outbuilding was destroyed. Nearly 300 personnel, 16 engines, 10 water tenders, 4 dozers and one helicopter were included in the firefighting efforts.

The State Fire Services Mobilization Plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment, and other resources from around the state when wildfires exceed the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions.

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray remains at Phase II, to continue coordinate state assistance for the Columbia Complex Fire where State Fire Marshal's Office personnel remain at the scene.

The WSP Pod at the EOC will be in operation from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. For more information, please call 253-912-4932

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